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SUBJECT: POST RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICAN CHAMBERS
OF COMMERCE

1. RELATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND TAIPEI AMCHAM ARE EXCELLENT. AMCHAM HAS AFFIRMED THIS RELATIONSHIP IN APCAC MEETINGS, CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCES AND IN COMMENTS TO VISITING BUSINESSMEN.

2. AMBASSADOR IS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF AMCHAM. HE MEETS MONTHLY AT EMBASSY WITH OFFICERS, GOVERNORS AND SUPERVISORS AND ATTENDS MAJOR AMCHAM FUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FOUR EMBASSY OFFICERS (ECONCOUN, COMATT, TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC REPORTING OFFICER) ARE HONORARY (I.E., NON-DUES PAYING) MEMBERS OF AMCHAM. THEY SERVE ACTIVELY ON AMCHAM COMMITTEES, PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS HELD PERIODICALLY BETWEEN AMCHAM AND GROC OFFICIALS AND ARE FREQUENT CONTRIBUTORS TO AMCHAM BIMONTHLY MAGAZINE. THEY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS BRIEFING SESSIONS ARRANGED BY AMCHAM FOR VISITING US BUSINESSMEN.

3. THERE IS LITTLE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND AMCHAM IN SERVING INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF U.S. BUSINESS. REQUESTS FOR BASIC DATA AND FORMAL BRIEFINGS ON, INTER ALIA, INVESTMENT CLIMATE, LAWS AND REGULATIONS, TAXES ARE REFERRED TO EMBASSY BY AMCHAM. IN TURN, IF BUSINESSMAN WISHES BRIEFING
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BY OTHER BUSINESSMEN, AMCHAM HANDLES ARRANGEMENTS.

EMBASSY HAS ASSISTED AMCHAM TO ESTABLISH SMALL REFERENCE
LIBRARY OF ESSENTIAL DIRECTORIES AND COMMERCIAL
PUBLICATIONS.

4. AMCHAM HAS NOT BEEN CONSULTED HERETOFORE IN PREPA-
RATION OF CCP BUT EMBASSY PLANS TO GIVE IT OPPORTUNITY
TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT CAMPAIGNS
CONTAINED IN 1977 DOCUMENT.
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